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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Shunji MAEDA *et al.*  
Serial No. : 09/294,137  
Filed : 20 April 1999  
For : DEFECT INSPECTION METHOD AND APPARATUS  
Group AU : 2621  
Examiner : B.P. Werner  
Conf. No. : 5815

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

13 December 2004

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 of the shortened statutory period for response set by the Office Action mailed 13 July 2004. A Form PTO-2038 is submitted concurrently herewith in payment of requisite Petition fee. Please charge any actual deficiency in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 500.37149X00).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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